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staff writer

A photograph of two volleyball players from K-State jumping over the net. The player on the right is wearing jersey number 11 and is smiling. The player on the left is wearing jersey number 14. A volleyball is visible in the upper right corner.

Photos by Lauren Gocken

**Top: Lilla Porubek**, sophomore outside hitter, and **Taylor Johnson**, freshman middle blocker, send the ball back over the net at the OU game Nov. 10.

**Left: Kuulei Kabalis**, junior libero, jumps to return the ball Nov. 10.

“Our hard work in January, February and in March is paying off now.”

**Kathleen Ludwig**  
junior OPP

**Grant Zizzo**  
staff writer



These issues, she said, are more the result of long-held societal

for grasses. The cattle graze for nourishment. Prairie dogs cu

A photograph of two prairie dogs sitting on a bed of dry grass. The prairie dog on the right is holding a piece of green grass in its paws and eating it. The prairie dog on the left is also eating grass. Both animals have reddish-brown fur and dark eyes. The background is a soft-focus field of dry grass.

dogs as a nuisance and undesirable animal. Samantha Wisely, associate professor of biology, compared the stigma held for prairie dogs in the country to that which city dwellers apply to rats.

"It's a visceral reaction," Wisely said. "Oh my gosh, what is that on my property?"

Wisely said farmers are the main supporters of eradication; they view the prairie dogs as a pest which depreciate their land appraisal value and compete with cattle for grasses.

These issues, she said, are more the result of long-held societal values than the result of actual fact. While the extensive tunnel systems of the burrowing animal may occasionally undermine the integrity of small portions of field, there are also benefits provided to the farmer by the prairie dog.

"Prairie dogs are bioengineers," Wisely said. "They turn-over nutrients and deposits and increase the biological diversity and nutrient quality of the soil and ecosystem."

Wisely said many false urban myths and superstitions exist concerning the prairie dog. For example, there is a false belief that cattle trip and break their legs in prairie dog holes. Ron Klataskye, executive director of the Audubon of Kansas, also presented the false legend of a movie theater that collapsed as the direct result of a prairie dog colony built under the foundation.

One negative affect prairie dogs have on farmers is the fact that they do compete with cattle for grasses. The cattle graze for nourishment. Prairie dogs cut the grass down so they can see predators at further distances. Klataskye and Wisely both said the solution to this issue is simple. Farmers who want the prairie dogs off their property can use methods such as targeted poisoning and shooting. The difference between these methods and those currently enforced in Logan County is containment.

"The Black-Tailed Prairie Dog is a keystone species, the effect they have on the environment is greater than usual for a species that size in the environment," Klataskye said.

Similar to the keystone at the top of a stone arch, the species is essential to the survival of many other species in Kansas. Logan County currently buys the poison Rozol to kill the prairie dogs. The county purchased 46 tons of the poison in 2008.

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Fort  
Riley  
solider  
found  
dead

**Karen Ingram**  
news editor

A Fort Riley soldier was found dead on post. The soldier was identified as Spc. James Joseph Pizzo, 30, of the Warrior Transition Battalion. He was found dead on Nov. 20. No other details are available at this time, as his death is still under investigation.



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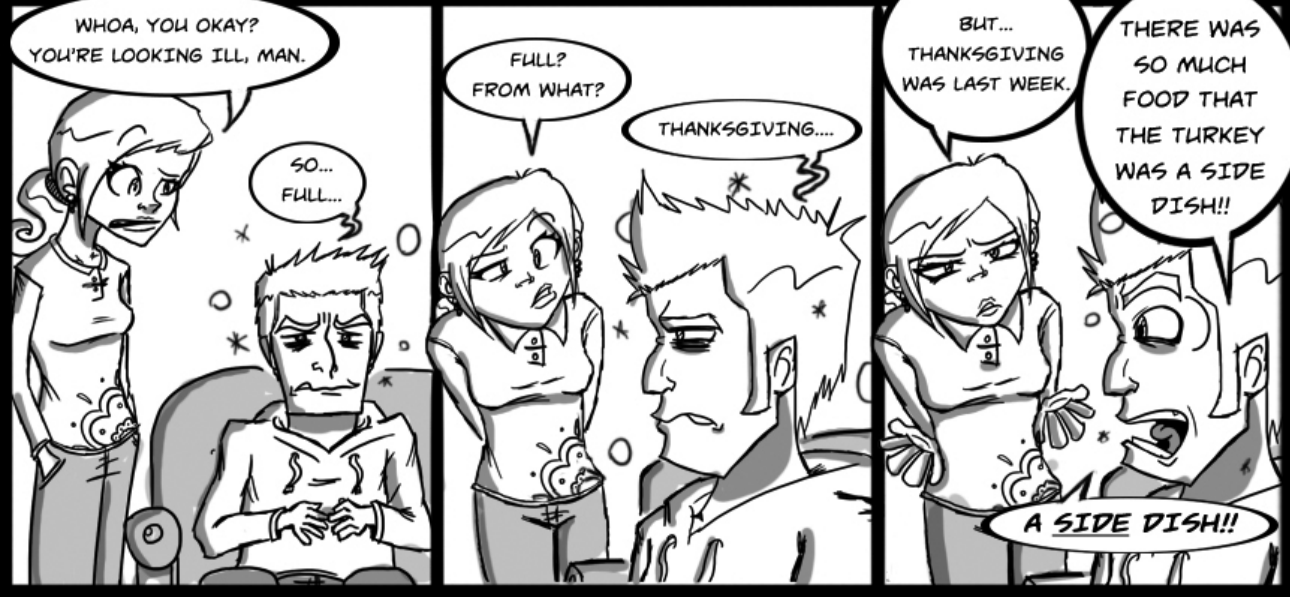
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By Parker Wilhelm



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CORRECTION


There were errors in the Nov. 18 issue. In the article about the Muslim community in Manhattan, the International Student and Scholar Services was inadvertently referred to as the ISS instead of the ISSS. In the same article, Saudi Arabia was referred to as the country where the most international students attending K-State come from when it is, in fact, China. The Collegian regrets the errors. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call Managing Editor Caroline Sweeney at 785-532-6556 or email [news@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:news@spub.ksu.edu).

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# NOT AS IT SEEMS

## America's conservative shift has affected the left, right wing



Conservative pundits love to decry the “radical left” in this country, but I don’t see it. Despite all the cries of socialism and Marxism, the radical ideology just isn’t there. While the Republican candidates seem to be racing toward the most extreme position they can manage, America’s left wing is increasingly moderate.

Take the health care bill for example. “Obamacare” was, and still is, called a government takeover of health care and accused of the usual rounds of left-wing extremism, but it wasn’t really that radical. It did create new laws regulations, but the biggest move in the bill was the individual mandate, a requirement that everyone have private insurance.

That’s right, the so-called government takeover actually works through private companies. The government didn’t take over anything. There was talk of a public option, a tax-funded insurance program for the poor, but that was gone by the time the bill passed. Other countries have governments that act as insurers and run hospitals, but ours can’t even try a middle-of-the-road private insurance system without a huge conservative backlash.

Despite the lax liberalism of the Democrats, it seems like they’re being accused of socialism more than ever. President Obama, a moderate who readily makes concessions to the Republicans, is still perceived as a leftist, and is even the subject of a local billboard that labels him a “Wannabe Marxist dictator.” The perception isn’t attributable to the radicalism of his own policies, obviously, but to the radicalism of his conservative counterparts. Someone looking from the Tea Party’s corner of the political spectrum, a corner abounding in tax cuts and border fences, could perceive practically anyone as a social-

ist ideologue. Obama isn’t actually that liberal, but he appears liberal to the conservatives because their vantage point shifts their perception of him.

That vantage point of the right is drifting farther and farther to the right, both with politicians and voters. Sure, the public may be increasingly accepting of gay rights, and Roe v. Wade hasn’t been overturned, but the Supreme Court gave corporations unlimited campaign contribution, the Christian right has become a major player in national politics, the existence global warming has become a disputed political issue and the Republican Party threatened to make the U.S. default on its debt.

Herman Cain suggested an electrified border fence, Rick Perry promised to do away with the IRS, Mitt

Romney openly said that “Corporations are people, my friend,” and don’t get me started on Michele Bachmann. A few weeks ago, showing us just how extreme the right wing is getting, televangelist Pat Robertson told the Republican presidential candidates to stop their race for extremism.

Of course, this is happening during a primary, and the candidates will probably seem more moderate when the general election starts and they dive to the bottom of the barrel to start scraping around for anything with mass appeal. But have the Democrats ever shown this sort of degree of liberal extremism? Liberal politicians — the ones who are still around, anyway — often don’t even identify as liberal

anymore. Now, they’re “progressive,” because “liberal” somehow became a dirty word somewhere along the way.

While there may be a radically liberal segment of the public, there certainly isn’t one in Congress. If it can be said that the Republican Party is drifting right, the same is also true of the Democratic Party. Bernie Sanders, the only real socialist in the Senate, was elected as an Independent. The website PoliticalCompass.org did an evaluation of the 2008 presidential candidates in both major primaries, and Dennis Kucinich and Ralph Nader were the only people even placed in the liberal

quadrant. Everyone else, Democrats included, scored in the conservative quadrant; the Democrats were just closer to the center. Even though we usually perceive figures like Kucinich and Nader as extremely left wing, the political compass placed them close to the center, saying that even though they are “depicted on the extreme left in an American context, they would simply be mainstream social democrats within the wider political landscape of Europe.”

While Republicans regularly call for an end to the Environmental Protection Agency and suggest an invasion of Iran, how many Democrats suggest anything more radical than cap-and-trade or call for a massive

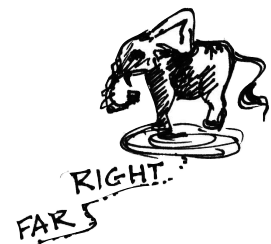


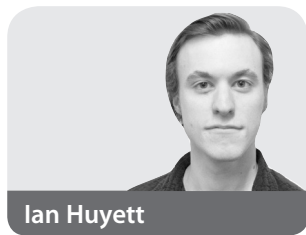
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shrinking of the military budget? When the 2007 mortgage crisis hit, the basic plan was to give them loans to tide them over through the recession, i.e., the bailouts. Plenty of Republicans suggested leaving the banks to collapse, but how many Democrats advocated nationalizing banks instead?

While radical beliefs aren’t necessarily bad, and they’re certainly not new to American politics, the recent shift is going one way. A political system with a strong presence in the middle ground is probably the best way to work, if only so the politicians are ready and able to compromise with each other. If neither side tilts too far to one side, things can get done (even if we wish the policies were more in line with our own) because of those people in the middle ground. The trouble is that the middle ground is being filled by the people who used to be on the left.

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## Too many students in college, student aid should be phased out



In 2001, dictator Robert Mugabe had just run Zimbabwe’s economy into the ground and was desperate for a way to revive it. Observing that those with money tend to be more prosperous than those without, Mugabe decided to simply print enormous sums of cash. What Mugabe failed to realize, of course, is that introducing new currency devalues existing notes. Zimbabwe soon became a nation of trillionaires who couldn’t afford to buy bread.

America’s looming higher education bubble is roughly akin to hyperinflation in Zimbabwe. Observing that those with college degrees tend to be more prosperous than those without, our government decided to institute enormous student aid programs and otherwise encourage college attendance for all. The results have been eerily similar.

Higher education for everyone sounds about as appealing as printing money. Yet, not unlike an envelope of money, a college degree would lose its symbolic value if everyone received one.

Imagine that you are an employer examining a stack of job applications. The more applications include degrees, the less impressive a degree seems. A college degree is a distinguishing characteristic precisely because a limited number of people have them. In the job market, students that graduate from college ultimately do so at the expense of their classmates.

When the government increases student aid, more students attend college. Increased attendance means more student loans are taken out — but, as the value of the

degree declines, less and less students are able to pay them off.

A suffering economy puts more pressure on universities to increase tuition, which they are able to do because of increased student aid. When tuition rises, students take out more loans and the government perpetuates the cycle by increasing student aid again.

To say that our generation is caught in a downward spiral would be an understatement. In its misguided desire to make us all equal, our society

has grossly overemphasized higher education and unleashed a hurricane of insanity that seems to be endlessly compounding our generation’s financial burden.

Three hundred thousand Americans with college degrees now work as waiters and waitresses, according to an Oct. 20, 2010 column by Richard Vedder in the Chronicle of Higher Education. The fields of low-skill labor and janitorial work each employ more than 100,000 college graduates. Five thousand jani-

tors have a Ph.D. Overall, 17 million college graduates have jobs that the Bureau of Labor Statistics says do not require a college education.

The book “Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses” by Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa reports that 45 percent of college students make no gains in writing ability or reasoning skills after two years in college. More than one-third of college seniors are no better at writing or reasoning than they were as freshmen.

Ultimately, who provides financial aid for these roughly 500,000 students each year? Who foots the bill when graduates in low-skill jobs default on their loans are forgiven? How much debt is piled upon students who would have been better off not attending college? More disturbingly, how many graduates in low-skill jobs might be working in their chosen fields if their degrees held more symbolic value?

Higher education is not for everyone. Pretending otherwise punishes those

who might benefit from it and needlessly plunges those who can’t into debt — all at the expense of taxpayers. The ideal solution would be to culturally reject the universality of higher education. The longer we fail to address this problem, however, the more unmanageable it will become. The most efficient answer is to phase out federal student aid.

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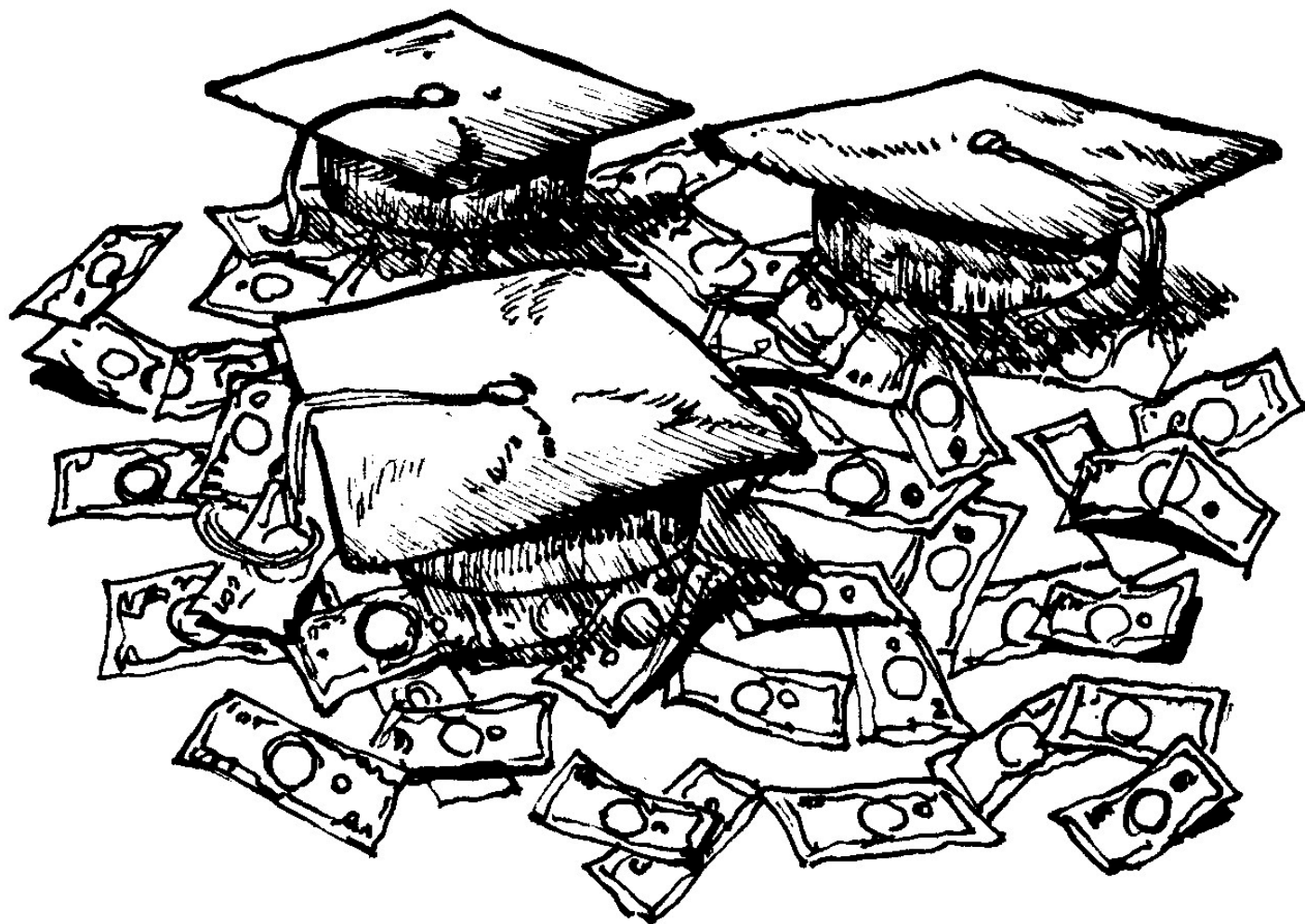


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# PRAIRIE DOG | Poisoning prairie dogs, burrows may decrease numbers, can kill other animals

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Klataskye said Rozol kills the prairie dogs by causing them to bleed from all orpheuses for two to three weeks before they die. He said the concern is that the poison stays in the animal's system during this time and after death. Any predator that comes into contact with the poisoned prairie dog will also bleed out and die. Ferruginous hawks, golden eagles, swift foxes and black-footed ferrets, all predators of the prairie dog, are some of the most affected species. The black-footed ferret was actu-

ally believed extinct until recently. However, efforts to re-

“Spreading poisons around the landscape is not environmentally good”

Scott Shoemaker  
Sunset Zoo director

introduce the ferret in Logan County are severely damaged by the forced poisonings.

According to an article published by the Audubon of Kansas, “Kansas is the only state with eradication statutes that undermine conservation of imperiled species and undermine property rights of ranchers and other landowners.”

Klataskye said that the statutes are unnecessary as individuals can still control the populations on their land without contaminating other people's property or suffering due to a neighbor who chooses not to poison. Using Zinc Phosphide, farmers

can poison burrows on their land; the poison neutralizes within the animal's body and does not pass along to other animals. Additionally, farmers could choose to charge for people to come on their land and shoot the prairie dogs.

Scott Shoemaker, Sunset Zoo director, said that the zoo also supports the repealing of the eradication statutes.

“Spreading poisons around the landscape is not environmentally good,” Shoemaker said.

# K-State daily briefs

Karen Ingram  
news editor

The final doctoral dissertation of Simon Nyambura, “Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Africa: The Role of International Community,” will be held today at 9 a.m. in Waters Hall room 342

The final doctoral dissertation of Xiaoyang Sun, “Development of an Improved Thermal Model of the Human Body and an Experimental Investigation of Heat Transfer from a Moving Cylinder,” will be held today at 3 p.m. in Durland Hall room 3053.

The final doctoral dissertation of Karnnalin Theerattananon, “Evaluation and Characterization of Pelleted Biomass from Selected Resource for Ethanol Production,” will be held today at 2 p.m. in Seaton Hall room 133.

A reminder that Tuesday, Nov. 29 is the last day for graduate students to confirm their December commencement attendance online, or to submit documents for December graduation.

President Kirk Schulz will be holding a text-based

faculty chat on the K-State Chats web page at k-state.edu/chats/ on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. During that time, Schulz will respond to questions and concerns of the K-State faculty. Questions may be submitted on the chats page.

The K-State French Club will be holding their Ciné Festival. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall room 015. The film “La Vie Sur Terre” will be shown.

The Riley County Historical Society and Museum will present the last lecture in their Kansas 150 Look Back Lecture Series on Wednesday Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Manhattan Public Library. Daniel D. Holt, former director of the Eisenhower Library and Museum, will present a lecture entitled “Educating a General,” which covers the education of Dwight D. Eisenhower, his Kansas roots and connections. The program is free and open to the public. Questions may be directed to Cheryl Collins at 785-565-6490.

The country rock hillbilly punk band, Back Porch Mary will be playing at the Campus Tavern Thursday, Dec. 1 at 9 P.M. Back Porch Mary has sold 50,000 copies of their various albums to date without ever being in a record store.

## THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

### THURSDAY

**Sonja Karin Birdwell**, of the 1500 block of Colorado Street, was booked for forgery. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**David Lee Taylor**, of Junction City, was booked for criminal deprivation of property, criminal use of financial cards and theft. Bond was set at \$7,500.

### FRIDAY

**Amber Kaye Clark**, of Ogden, was booked for criminal damage to property, criminal solicitation and falsely reporting a crime. Bond was set at \$5,500.

**Anthony Claude Boss**, of Ogden, was booked for two counts of criminal damage to property and criminal solicita-

tion. Bond was set at \$4,500.

**Nick Philip Evola**, of Ogden, was booked for two counts of criminal damage to property and criminal solicitation. Bond was set at \$4,500.

**Martin Hilario Banuelas-Soto**, of Kansas City, Kan., was booked for no valid driver's license and unlawful use of a license. No bond was listed.

**Chandler Warren**, of the 1200 block of Pomeroy Street, was booked for aggravated assault and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$3,000.

**Anne Catherine Sweet**, of the 2200 block of Todd Road, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

### SATURDAY

**Tim Livingston**, of the 2400 block of Buttonwood Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

**Candace Lynn Judd**, of Junction City, was booked for theft and criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Tharen Lee Sparke**, of the 600 block of Thurston Street, was booked for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,250.

**Brian Neil Jones**, of Ogden, was booked for criminal damage to property and criminal solicitation. Bond was set at \$4,500.

**Timothy Robert Sowell**, of the 1000 block of Temple Lane, was booked for aggravated battery and obstruction

of the legal process. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Nicole Rochelle Mallett**, of the 1700 block of Rockhill Road, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$500.

**Michael Lee Russell**, of Marysville, Kan., was booked for reckless driving. Bond was set at \$500.

### SUNDAY

**Jarret Thomas Abell**, of Wichita, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

**Maria Victoria Alano**, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Compiled by Sarah Rajewski

## TO THE POINT

# Finish semester strong, focus on studies, goals

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Erin Logan's comic in today's paper points out several of the joys, nuisances and terms of endearment of life at home during the holiday break. In just three short weeks, the Fall 2011 semester will be over. In the meantime many students are faced with finishing up tasks, projects and prepping for finals. The home stretch is here, however to some it may seem eons away. The editorial board of the Collegian can sympathize.

We encourage K-Staters (this includes professors and classified staff) to buckle down and pull through. This too shall pass. If you are feeling stressed take time to relax to handle the stress of the upcoming weeks. There will be plenty of opportunities to let off some steam between holiday parties, finals snacks furnished by various clubs and organizations and even the occasional funny column in the Collegian. Take some time to enjoy these things during the upcoming crazy weeks and remember everyone is dealing with some kind of stress during these last three weeks.

# World population growth, demand for crops, livestock could spur food shortage

Megan Nicolai  
Minnesota Daily,  
U. Minnesota via UWIRE

Global food demand could double by 2050, according to a new projection released by the University of Minnesota researchers Monday.

This could severely increase the amount of environmental pollutants and threaten extinction for many species, according to the findings of David Tilman, regents professor of Ecology in the College of Biological Sciences, and his colleagues at the university.

According to United Na-

tions demographers, the world's population could reach 9.3 billion by 2050. The world's total population is already at or nearing 7 billion, based on varying reports from the U.N. and the U.S. Census Bureau.

As poorer nations increase their populations' annual incomes in future decades, there will be a large increase in demand for animal products like meat and dairy, said Jason Hill, assistant professor in the University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. As a result, demand for grain crops to feed livestock will also in-

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Jason Hill  
U. Minnesota  
assistant professor

crease, he said. Tilman and Hill, along with another University researcher Belinda Befortand, and Christian Blazer — a

University of California, Santa Barbara professor — co-authored an article that summarized their findings and the potential risks of current international agricultural practices.

“It's long been known that there's more that we can do to ensure that there's a sustainable food supply for the future,” Hill said. “But in this paper we put some hard numbers behind the claims.”

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New agriculture processes could decrease land clearing, emissions

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emissions, Tilman said. But the effects could be decreased by improving agricultural practices in poorer countries, he said.

For example, in nations like the United States, farmers control fertilizer use based on the specific needs of different areas of land. This could easily be adopted by farmers with smaller areas of land in poor countries, Tilman said.

According to the article, agricultural techniques in richer nations can increase crop yield and reduce the amount of pollution emitted. Crop yields for the wealthiest nations were more than 300 percent higher than yields for the poorest nations in 2005, the article said.

Traditionally, farmers in developing countries would simply clear more land when attempting to grow more food.

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David Tilman

regents professor of Ecology

But that technique does nothing to increase crop yield, Tilman said. The technique also accounts for a large portion of agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and threatens certain species of animals with extinction, Tilman said.

But he said industrialized agriculture techniques require a large amount of farmer education and often come with larger costs up front.

If current agricultural techniques continue, the article stated, critical levels of nitrogen and carbon could be released into the environment and excessive use of fertilizer could contaminate groundwater.

If current levels of land clearing continue, more than 2.5 billion acres of land would be cleared by 2050, an area the size of the United States. But if new processes are adapted, that amount could be reduced to half a billion acres, Tilman said.

"It's not an emergency, but it's not something we can wait until 2050 to start doing," Tilman said. "By that time, we will have the environmental damage done, and we'll have lots of people with very substandard diets around the world."

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